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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of	:	Docket No. 2821-213
EUGEN MÜLLER et al.	:	Date: 25 November 2003
Serial No.: 09/916,378	:	Group Art Unit: 1725
Filed On: 27 July 2001	:	Examiner: L. Tran

TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WELDING SHEET OVERLAPS

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Non-final Office Action dated 8/29/03, having a period of response set to expire on 11/29/03. Claims 1-23 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 16-18 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 11, 13, and 19-23 are rejected and claims 14 and 15 are allowed. Applicants respectfully note that the 11/29/03 Office incorrectly notes that only claims 11, 13-15, and 19-23 are pending. Claims 1-10 and 16-18 were withdrawn from consideration in response to the restriction requirement made by the Examiner, but not cancelled. Applicants therefore respectfully request the record be corrected.